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LOK SABHA

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KITS OF PULSES, OILSEEDS AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision with regard to providing kits of pulses, oilseeds and wheat for flood and drought affected Bihar;

(b) the number of kits supplied to Bihar so far;

(c) whether the Government of Bihar has demanded 10 lakh mini kits; and

(d) if so, the time by when the remaining quota is likely to be supplied?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Government of India is providing seed minikits of pulses and oilseeds to popularize newly released varieties/hybrids of less than 10 year old in 14 major pulses and oilseeds growing states including Bihar regularly for every season depending upon the availability of recommended eligible varieties/hybrids available with the nodal agencies i.e. National Seeds Corporation and Seed Farms Corporation of India under a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM). However, in case of wheat there is no Centrally sponsored scheme at present to provide seed minikits to States.

Government of India has supplied 59071 and 101165 number of seed minikits of pulses and oilseeds respectively so far to the State of Bihar during the current rabi season through National Seeds Corporation and Seed Farms Corporation of India

(c)&(d): Government of Bihar has demanded a total of 1480000 seed minikits of various crops including pulses, oilseeds and wheat for flood and drought affected areas of Bihar. Since the guidelines of ISOPOM provides for supplying seed minikits of oilseeds and pulses of less than 10 year old varieties to replace older varieties, such large sudden demand could not be met under the scheme due to shortage of seeds of newly released varieties with the nodal agencies. However, the State of Bihar has been allocated sufficiently higher funds under ISOPOM to supply required quantity of certified seeds of oilseeds, pulses and maize to the farmers at subsidized prices during the current rabi season.